

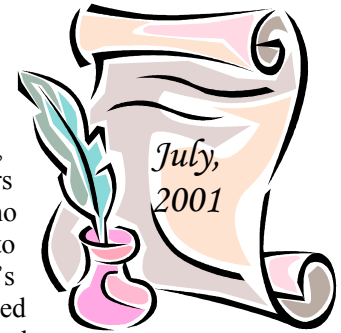


Honor Society of Nursing

Alpha Delta Chapter

From the President's Pen:

Let's put our hands together and welcome the new members of Alpha Delta. This year's induction ceremony, held on April 27th, was very impressive. Over 40 new members were inducted from the baccalaureate program, the RN completion program, the masters and doctoral programs, and the community. Many thanks to the counselors and the eligibility committee for doing a fine job of making sure that all those who qualified for induction into Sigma Theta Tau International were given the opportunity to become part of this very important organization. We heard Dr. Mary Jane Bernier's thoughtful and inspiring remarks about leadership in nursing and witnessed newly elected members of the Alpha Delta board pledge to honor the mission of STTI and continue the work of their predecessors. Please join me in congratulating new members and their families.



This newsletter comes to you at a time in the year when it is difficult for many of us to stay in touch with each other. People are taking vacations, moving, changing jobs, and switching Internet service providers! If you know of any colleagues that are no longer active in STTI, please share this newsletter with them and encourage them to renew their memberships. Please also remember to contact STTI to report any changes in your name, address, and e-mail. The staff at STTI is very responsive and most inquiries are answered in 24 hours by e-mail or telephone. Log on to <http://www.nursingsociety.org> and you will find everything you need to know.

This year promises to be an exciting and active one. Many of you have already responded to the call for participation on the committees of our Alpha Delta chapter. The call went out over e-mail as will many of our important communications during the year. In order to stay in touch, update your information with STTI as indicated above. Once this year's committees are up and running we will plan the calendar of activities that will include membership and business meetings, socials, community activities, scholarly conferences, calls for awards, fundraising events, and other celebrations of excellence. Stay tuned and stay in touch!

Judy

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STAR ATTRACTIONS

Alpha Delta Chapter members Ruby Jensen, Lila Muzik, and Virginia Rahr were inducted into the UTMB School of Nursing Hall of Fame for the year 2001. The Hall of Fame honors SON alumni who have made significant contributions to nursing through commitment to excellence in patient care, community service and leadership.

Mary Ann Best, SON faculty was honored during Nurses Week this year by receiving the very first annual *Silent Angel Nurse Award*. This is a special recognition that was started this year by the UTMB Nurses Week Committee, to honor nursing excellence from within our community.

Dana Bjarnason, President of Texas Nurses Association, announced the choices for their District 6 Nurses of the Year Awards:

Ellarene Duis-Nittsche for Administration & Management.

Corrine Opperman for Education & Research.

Cheryl Lehman will soon have an article published in the summer 2001 issue of *SCI Nursing* entitled *Bladder Scanner Accuracy During Everyday Use on an Acute Rehabilitation Unit*, 18(2), 87-92.

Colleen Reagan co-presented "Implementation of Demand Side Resource Management in an Academic Medical Center Nursing Department" at the Strategic Staff Management Conference in Memphis April 2001.

Jennifer Nitschmann, Director of ER/Critical Care, completed the Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner Program here at UTMB School of Nursing.

Posters Presented During Nurses' Week:

Dolly Sanares-Ousley, MPA, RN and **Diane Heliker**, PhD, RN presented "Disciplined Clinical Inquiry: A Process Model Towards Research/Evidence-Based Nursing Practice"

Jane Gonzalez, RNC, MSN, CNS co-presented "FADEing to Outcome: An Educational Partnership to Deliver Meaningful Programs"

Paula Colston, RN, BC, BSN, BA presented "The Development Series: An Educational Program For Unlicensed Personnel at UTMB"



Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Delta Chapter and UTMB School of Nursing Alumni co-sponsored poster presentations during May's National Nurses Week activities. The day was great fun and a networking feast. Congratulations to all the drawing prize winners! Many thanks to each and every one for their help, time and donations: Donna Gauthier, Linda Venzke, Cheryl Day, Suzanne Sullivan, Dolly Sanares-Ousley, Maribel Bhojani, Mary Hamblin, Carol Zende Del, Victoria Korschgen, Judy Drew and Nonie Mendias!

Many thanks to Robin Froman for securing office space for our chapter at the SON. Also, thanks to Susie Briones for her endless creativity and support.



Announcement

Cheryl Day, RNC, MSN, CNA, CNS, started her new job on June 1st. She will be the Director of Nursing for The Women's Hospital of Texas in Houston. Cheryl will be very much missed at UTMB but we congratulate her on her new adventure. As you know, we are fortunate to have Cheryl continue as our treasurer for Alpha Delta Chapter.



Spring Meeting

Our Annual Spring Business Meeting was held at Fish Tales Restaurant on the Seawall in Galveston, on May 24, 2001. New and transferring members were welcomed along with new officers. Judy Drew presented information about the guidelines and application process for the STTI Alpha Delta Research Awards. A networking dinner followed.

Alpha Delta Members Serving us at the STTI Level

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Committee Volunteers Needed!

Dear STTI Alpha Delta Members:

The Board is inviting you to exercise your rights of membership by volunteering to participate in the committees that carry out the goals of our organization. If you would like to be involved please contact the person listed by each committee.

Eligibility Committee

Jane Gonzalez at jegonzal@utmb.edu

The Eligibility Committee shall be responsible for publicizing the opportunity for membership, accepting and reviewing membership materials, and recommending eligible members to the Board of Directors and to the membership.

Finance Committee

Michele Clark at mclark@utmb.edu

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing an annual budget that meets the goals and program activities of the chapter.

Membership Involvement Committee

Judy Glaister at juglaist@utmb.edu

The Membership Involvement Committee shall be responsible for promoting membership renewals and involvement and coordinating new member orientation.

Nominating Committee

Judy Drew at jdrew@utmb.edu

The Nominating Committee shall secure the consent to serve, prepare the ballot, and send it to the Board of Directors at least four (4) weeks prior to when election is scheduled.

Program Committee

Linda Venzke at lvenzke@utmb.edu

The Program Committee shall be responsible for the programs of the chapter including the induction ceremony and at least two scholarly programs annually.

Research Committee

Dolly Sanares-Ousley at dcsanare@utmb.edu

The Research Committee should announce the criteria for and availability of funding to the membership and receive and provide for the proposals. The Committee shall notify applicants of decisions regarding proposals, and shall notify recipients of awards and review and revise scholarship guidelines as needed.

Awards Committee

Charlotte Wisnewski at cwisnews@utmb.edu

The Awards Committee should receive and provide for the evaluation of applications for awards and make recommendations to the Board for approval.

Publicity/Newsletter Committee

Kathy Lawrence at kalawren@utmb.edu

The Publicity/Newsletter Committee should coordinate news releases, maintain the chapter newsletter and be responsible for publicizing all programs.

Fundraising Committee

Karen Hand at khand@utmb.edu

The Fundraising Committee shall develop and present to the Board plans and goals for chapter fundraising and shall lead the implementation of Board approved activities.



Alpha Delta Chapter needs you!

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News from this Spring's Induction Ceremony

On April 27, Alpha Delta Chapter held its annual induction ceremony and installation of new officers. Members were inducted from the undergraduate, flex-op, graduate, and doctorate programs plus community leaders. Cheryl Lehman, RN, MSN, President of Alpha Delta Chapter opened the ceremonies. A warm welcome was given by Jeanette C. Hartshorn, RN, PhD, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Administration. The keynote speaker was Mary Jane Bernier, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, UTMB School of Nursing. Her inspiring presentation "*If Not You – Who Will Lead?*" was well received and enjoyed by all.

Undergraduate Program

Sarah Benavides	Miatha Johnson	Elizabeth Palmer	Melissa Torres
Lisa Card	Nereyda Martinez	Erin Pettey	Preston Venable
Jennifer Chappell	Katie Mathews	Rebekah Richard	D'Nae Weaver
Andrea Colunga	Jennifer McClendon	Jennifer Rose	Jessica Whisnant
Jonathan Harraid	Nancy Reynolds	Shelley Shields	Jennifer Whitson
Rosa Hernandez	Mary Murphy	Lorraine Smith	Abigail Young

Flexible Option Program

Daveda Campbell	Helen Eichblatt	Donna Herrera	Marilyn Martin
Michelle Chapman	Lillian Fajkus	Tilu Itty	Eloise Potts
Brenda Cole	Kari George	Nora James	Kimberly Snyder
Pamela De La Cruz	Katharine Gillaspay	Raj-Inder Khalsa	Emily Weber

Masters Program

Karen Cochran	Dena Lipsky	Joy Mok	Zetha Warren
Lisa Hill	Larry Malone	Dolores Peters	Elizabeth Whitworth
Alicia Horn	Barbara Hills	Cheryl Scalora	

Doctoral Program

Sarah Allison	Phyllis Waters
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Community Leaders

Thresiamma Abraham	Eva Blight	David Marshall	Robert Massey	Gizelle Metzler
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Our warmest welcome to transferring members!!

Mary Ann Hanley	Mona R. Massey	Karen H. Sexton	Jane W. Swanson	Lenore B. Teske
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Recognition!

Honored at the April Induction for Nursing Excellence were:

- Excellence in Nursing Leadership -Dana Bjarnason, MA, RN, CNA
- Excellence in Nursing Education – Joan Hayes, RNC, MEd
- Excellence in Nursing Practice – Dennis Sta. Ana, MSN, RN, CCRN, RNC
- Excellence in Nursing Research – Mary Jane Bernier, RN, PhD

The Chapter Excellence Awards were presented by Cheryl Lehman, RN, MSN and Kenneth Mixon, RN, BSN

Congratulations go to Alpha Delta's new officers!

President: Judy Drew	Recording Secretary: Michelle Clark	President – Elect: Judy Glaister
Counselor: Karen Hand	Treasurer: Cheryl Day	Archivist: Joan Hayes
Nominating Committee: Dolly Sanares-Ousley & Charlotte Wisnewski		

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Its purposes are to:

- recognize superior achievement
- recognize the development of leadership qualities
- foster high professional standards
- encourage creative work
- strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession

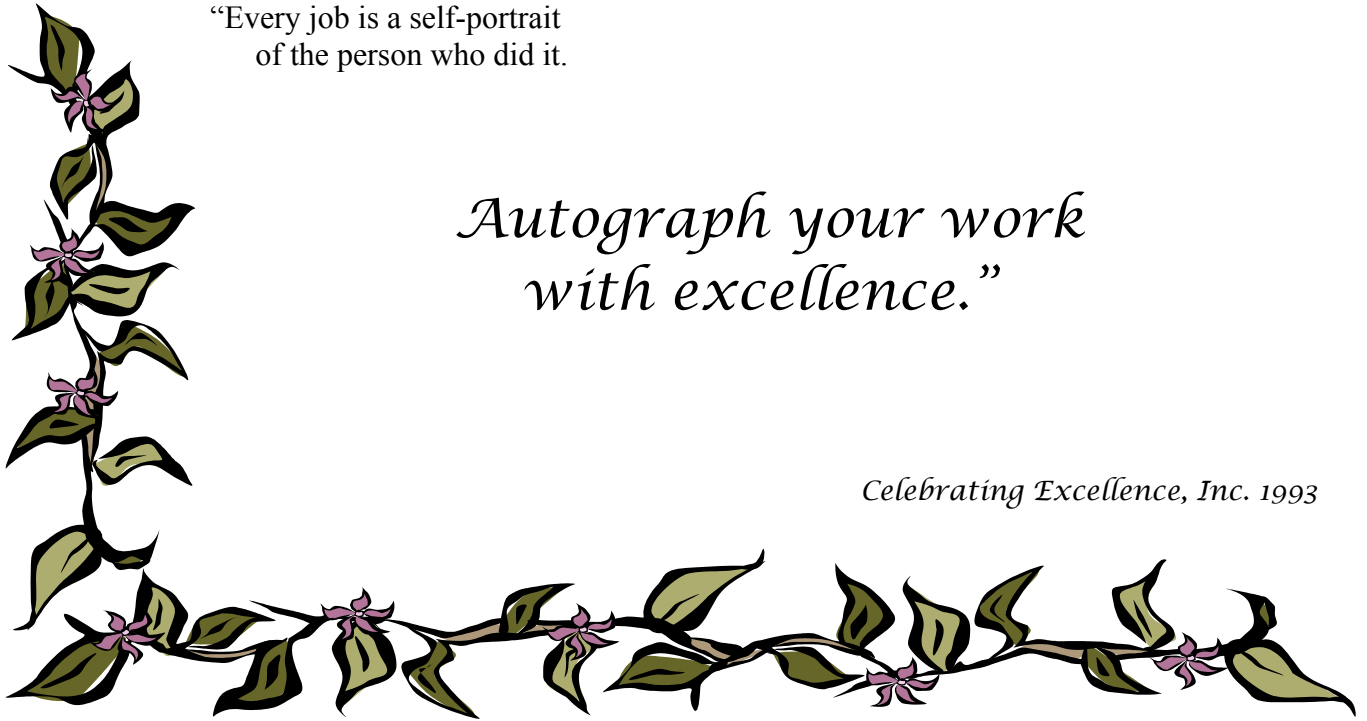


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“Every job is a self-portrait
of the person who did it.

*Autograph your work
with excellence.”*

Celebrating Excellence, Inc. 1993



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